

Legislature, I certainly know how Senator Vard Johnson feels sometime when you are frustrated and not getting your way. And I rise to oppose his bracketing this bill and stopping it from being read. Yesterday's resolution, like any resolution, does not carry the weight that a bill carries, and I think any time you vote for a resolution, you certainly have in mind a much different weight on it than you do when you are voting for a bill that becomes a law. In my opinion, I have never thought that resolutions meant all that much, and I am still of that opinion. However, a bill is a different thing. Community and technical colleges serve a purpose. It is obvious that the people in the State of Nebraska believe so also or they would not be sending their children by increasing numbers every year to those type of institutions, and certainly I don't think that we should be starting to bracket such a bill at this time, at this stance of the Legislature, at this time when we have so few days left. So I certainly oppose the bracketing motion of this bill at this time.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Nichol. Senator Hoagland, on the motion to bracket. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Johnson, would you like to close on your motion to bracket, please?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. The arguments, Mr. Speaker, against the bracket motion are twofold. Number one, the resolution that a majority of this body adopted yesterday is not binding, and because it is not binding, it shouldn't be taken seriously, and, number two, LB 796 transcends the Fairbury Campus. There are problems across the State of Nebraska that the vocational technical schools, community colleges face and, therefore, to delay LB 796 is to cause them to twist slowly in the wind. Now, let me go back and indicate what I am doing. I am not telling you to vote against LB 796, I am not saying that at all. After all, LB 796 has been compromised and it has probably been compromised in a rational form, but I am saying, you ought to delay the bill, you ought to simply delay the vote on LB 796, and you ought to delay the vote on LB 796 until you